RESOLUTION NO. 3751

RECOGNIZING THE 50-YEAR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, OREGON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CITY OF MOMBETSU, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1965, the City Council of the City of Newport adopted Resolution No. 1329 to enter into a Sister City relationship with the City of Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan, with the Sister City agreement being executed on April 8, 1966; and

WHEREAS, for the last half century, this Sister City relationship has continued to develop, and there have been many cultural exchanges between the two cities including adults and students creating many long-lasting friendships of people from both communities; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Cities of Newport and Mombetsu will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Sister City relationship; and

WHEREAS, a delegation from Mombetsu is traveling to Newport in May, and an adult delegation from Newport will be making a reciprocal visit to Mombetsu in July, followed by a student delegation from Mombetsu visiting Newport in August; and

WHEREAS, the Sister City relationship has led to the free exchange of cultural information, and the establishment of individual friendships as a foundation for mutual understanding and appreciation which has led to a better understanding of people in both cities.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council of the City of Newport, Oregon, recognizes and honors the City of Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan, for its 50-year Sister City relationship with the City of Newport. Further, the City of Newport reaffirms this important relationship and remains committed to a continued excellent Sister City relationship with the City of Mombetsu, to further international understanding and mutual interests between the Cities of Newport and Mombetsu for many generations to follow.

Adopted by the City Council on May 18, 2016.

Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mårgaret M/Hawker, City Recorder